

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 10, 2008
6:30 P.M.

The Murray City Council met in regular session on Thursday, April 10, 2008, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, with Mayor Rushing presiding.

Council Members Present: Danny Hudspeth, Pat Scott, Dan Miller, Butch Seargent, Jeremy Bell, Linda Cherry, Pete Lancaster, Jason Pittman, Robert Billington, David Ramey, Jane Brandon, Butch Seargent, and Bill Wells.

Council Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Ken Claud, J. L. Barnett, David Roberts, Candace Dowdy, Ron Allbritten, Dennis Thompson, Philip Morris, Carol Roberts, Kim Wyatt, Matt Mattingly, Gail Mullins, Harla McClure, and Warren Hopkins.

Minutes of the council meeting held March 27, 2008, were presented for approval. **Mr. Bell moved, seconded by Mr. Billington,** to approve the minutes as written. With no discussion, Mayor Rushing called for a voice vote, which was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Declare as Surplus bicycles in order that the City may donate them to the Murray State University Environmental Student Society to promote earth day. **Dr. Miller moved, seconded by Mr. Lancaster** to declare said bicycles as surplus. Cara Meyer, Vice-President of the Society, stated that the organization has been trying to assist with state issues. She stated for Earth Day, the group is focusing on decreasing traffic in Murray and trying to encourage citizens and students to ride bicycles instead of driving vehicles. With no further discussion, Mayor Rushing called for the roll call vote which was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Recognize Tony Thompson and David Richardson from the Murray Electric System. Tony Thompson and David Richardson were present to provide information on the System. He stated that the commercial growth and the student housing on the north end of town has placed a burden on the facilities; therefore, the West Murray substation located on North 18th Street is going to be upgraded. Mr. Richardson stated that for the past year they have redone the oldest part of the equipment and the electronics in the building itself to allow expansion.

Report from Jason Pittman, Chairman of the Long Range Planning Committee. Mr. Pittman stated the committee met in joint session with the finance committee to discuss the long range planning goals for 2010-2014. He stated the departments presented a collaborative effort to outline some long range goals our City would like to look at: public safety, transportation, community development, utilities, and employee benefits and staffing. Mr. Pittman stated the purpose was to show the community our vision. **Mr. Pittman moved, as unanimously recommended by the Long Range Planning Committee,** to authorize the staff to perform an economic study exploring the City's financial options in order that the long range goals can be met. **Mr. Wells seconded the motion.** With no further discussion, Mayor Rushing called for the voice vote, which was recorded as follows:

AYES: Danny Hudspeth, Pat Scott, Dan Miller, Jeremy Bell, Linda Cherry, Pete Lancaster, Jason Pittman, Robert Billington, David Ramey, Jane Brandon, Butch Sargent, and Bill Wells.

NAYES: None.

Mayor Rushing declared said recommendation approved.

Ordinance Number 2008-1459 (first reading) an ordinance rezoning five tracts of land for a total of 12.538 acres located on Lowes Drive and North 16th Street from R-4 (multi family residential) to B-2 (highway business) was presented to the council on a first reading. Said rezoning is based on the following findings: there have been major changes of an economic, social, and physical nature not anticipated in the comprehensive plan in particular the proposed impact of the widening of Hwy 121 Bypass North to 5 lanes and the widening of N 16th Street intersection; the R-4 zoning would restrict any additional access to the existing businesses to the south along Hwy 121 Bypass North; and due to the existing detention basins in this area and the topography of the land the property adjacent to Lowes Drive is not suitable for development. Said property is owned by WMFF, LLC, Forrest D. Nye, Helen Spann Trust, and Steven Nance. **Mr. Sargent moved, seconded by Mr. Pittman** to approve said ordinance. With no further discussion, Mayor Rushing called for the roll call vote which is recorded as follows:

AYES: Danny Hudspeth, Pat Scott, Dan Miller, Jeremy Bell, Linda Cherry, Pete Lancaster, Jason Pittman, Robert Billington, David Ramey, Jane Brandon, Butch Sargent, and Bill Wells.

NAYES: None.

Mayor Rushing declared Ordinance Number 2008-1459 approved on a first reading.

Ordinance Number 2008-1460 (first reading) an ordinance amending Chapter 32 of the City of Murray Code of Ordinances, Architectural Review Board, in order to define the renaissance district as a historic district in support of the creation of the historic overlay district was presented to the council on a first reading. **Mr. Lancaster moved, seconded by Mr. Pittman** to approve said ordinance. With no discussion, Mayor Rushing called for the roll call vote which is recorded as follows:

AYES: Danny Hudspeth, Pat Scott, Dan Miller, Butch Sargent, Jeremy Bell, Linda Cherry, Pete Lancaster, Jason Pittman, Robert Billington, David Ramey, Jane Brandon, and Bill Wells.

NAYES: None.

Mayor Rushing declared the ordinance approved on a first reading.

Resolution Number 2008-005 a resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute all necessary documents for the Phases 5 sewer rehab in the residential areas in the northeast area of Murray was presented to the council for approval. Said grant is in the amount of \$363,750. **Mr. Billington moved, seconded by Mr. Scott** to approve said resolution. With no further discussion, Mayor Rushing called for the roll call vote which is recorded as follows:

AYES: Danny Hudspeth, Pat Scott, Dan Miller, Jeremy Bell, Linda Cherry, Pete Lancaster, Jason Pittman, Robert Billington, David Ramey, Jane Brandon, Butch Seargent, and Bill Wells.

NAYES: None.

Mayor Rushing declared Resolution Number 2008-005 approved.

Resolution Number 2008-006 a resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute all necessary documents for the Phase 2 southwest sewer interceptor was presented to the council for approval. Said grant is in the amount of \$375,788. **Mr. Pittman moved, seconded by Mr. Lancaster** to approve said resolution. With no further discussion, Mayor Rushing called for the roll call vote which is recorded as follows:

AYES: Danny Hudspeth, Pat Scott, Dan Miller, Jeremy Bell, Linda Cherry, Pete Lancaster, Jason Pittman, Robert Billington, David Ramey, Jane Brandon, Butch Seargent, and Bill Wells.

NAYES: None.

Mayor Rushing declared Resolution Number 2008-006 approved.

Resolution Number 2008-007 a resolution approving and authorizing an assistance agreement between the City of Murray and the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority to provide a \$1,469,778 of loan funds for wastewater system improvements. **Mr. Hudspeth moved, seconded by Mr. Lancaster** to approve said resolution. With no further discussion, Mayor Rushing called for the roll call vote which is recorded as follows:

AYES: Danny Hudspeth, Pat Scott, Dan Miller, Jeremy Bell, Linda Cherry, Pete Lancaster, Jason Pittman, Robert Billington, David Ramey, Jane Brandon, Butch Seargent, and Bill Wells.

NAYES: None.

Mayor Rushing declared Resolution Number 2008-007 approved.

With no further business to come before the council, the meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

H. Thomas Rushing, Mayor

Attest:

Harla McClure, City Clerk